

# NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111

Winter/Spring 2016

## S.C.O.R.E.

(Student Challenge of Recreation Education)

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 - 8

**REGISTRATION DUE DATE IS THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 28, 2016**

Additional funding support from Capital Area Substance Abuse Council & CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



**New for 2016!!  
Junior Anglers  
Spring fishing  
trips!!**



***For more information call our SCORE-Line at 665-8594  
or visit our website at [www.newingtonct.gov](http://www.newingtonct.gov)***

# **INFORMATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW**

1. All SCORE programs are open to students in grades 5 through 8 unless otherwise specified. Program size is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis.
2. A “confirmation letter,” containing activity location, pick-up and drop off sites, liability forms and other information will be mailed **February 1, 2016**. Only students registered for the program are allowed to attend. ***PLEASE KEEP CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR YOUR ONGOING REFERENCE.***
3. The majority of our programs are offered at off-site locations, but are occasionally held at Newington Town Hall or the Lucy Robbins Welles Library.
4. **Transportation is provided to & from all program locations.** Please be sure to have the student wait outside the Front Doors of their school for the white or grey multi-passenger Town of Newington Van to pick them up. **On vacation days or Saturday programs students are dropped off and picked up at the front of Newington Town Hall (unless otherwise informed).**
5. All students must be picked up promptly at the end of a class. If a student is biking or walking home, it must be indicated on the registration form or in a note if a change occurs. Staff must be informed of any changes in dismissal arrangements or we cannot release a child.
6. If your child cannot attend a **SCORE** class for any reason, it is your responsibility to inform Human Services staff prior to the end of the school day. ANY UNEXCUSED absences (those without a prior phone call made by parent) will be reported to the parent/guardian.
7. Students are expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner. Any disrespectful or disruptive behavior may result in dismissal from the program with no refund.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER COURSE  
CONFIRMATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT.**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Indicate on registration forms your request for assistance, and someone from this department will contact you.

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## ***S.C.O.R.E. PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY***

*The S.C.O.R.E. Program is designed to provide positive after-school activities that connect middle school youth to their school, family, and community support systems. Our goal is to engage youth by offering opportunities to increase their knowledge, skill, and experience in problem-solving, decision-making, cooperation, communication, leadership, AND FUN. We are always looking for instructors to teach new courses and other positive leisure activities.*

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT:** ADA addresses issues of accessibility of facilities and programs. Reasonable program modifications will be made on a case by case basis to allow people with disabilities to both participate in, and benefit from programs.

**Please feel free to contact Human Services for SCORE information at 665-8594.**

# SCORE Course Descriptions

## February School Break Fun



### Rock 'N' Robin

Join us for a flashback to the early days of roller skating, followed by burgers and milkshakes at the local diner. To finish our day off we'll play a game of Laser Tag. Don't miss out on the fun!



Date: **Fri. Feb. 12**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
Location: Ron A Roll, Red Robin & Laser Quest, Newington



Instructors: Maria Gonzalez-Soto & staff  
Fee: **\$45**

### Bowling, Lunch & A Movie



This has become a vacation tradition in Newington! Students will go bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. A buffet lunch at Imperial Buffet and then we'll catch a movie afterward.

Date: **Tuesday Feb. 16**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
Location: Bowl-O-Rama, Imperial Buffet & a theater To be determined

Instructors: Rik Huggard & staff  
Fee: **\*\*\*\$40**



**\*\*\*PAY ONLY \$75 IF YOU REGISTER FOR BOTH DAYS! 2/13 & 2/17**



### Snowshoes & Hot Chocolate



We will be walking in a winter wonderland with snow shoes this February so come with us for an afternoon trek in Penwood Forest and the Avon Fisher Meadows Park. We supply the snow shoes and instruction! We will stop for hot chocolate on our way back.

**\*\*If there is no snow we will go on a winter hike.**

Dates: **Tuesdays, Feb. 9 & 23**  
Time: **1:20PM - 5:00PM (early release days)**  
Locations: Penwood Forest in Bloomfield & Northwest Park in Windsor, CT  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$25 ea. day**



### Claypen & Cocoa



Spend a winter afternoon creating a ceramic work of art at the Claypen Studio in West Hartford. You can choose from a variety of bowls

or plates - then paint with your own special artistic flair and leave them to be glazed by the artisans at the studio. They can be picked up the following week at Human Services. We will stop and pick up hot cocoa at Dunkin Donuts on our way back to town hall.

Date: **Thursday, Feb. 25**  
Time: **2:50-5:00 PM**  
Location: Claypen Studio West Hartford, CT  
Instructor: Rik Huggard  
Fee: **\$25**

### Climb On at Mountain Fun

This climbing trip is intended for climbers of all levels and abilities. Whether you have climbed many times before, gone once, or have only thought about doing it, here is your chance to climb on! All safety equipment, climbing shoes and instruction will be provided, all you need to bring is your sense of adventure.



Dates: **Wednesday, March 2**  
Time: **2:50-6:00 PM**  
Location: Mountain Fun, Wallingford, CT  
Instructors: Maria Soto Gonzalez & Gary Lundin  
Fee: **\$25**



### Coyote Walk

This new activity uses all of your senses along with GPS devices to locate hidden containers in the forest that offer clues and activities in order to find the rest of the hidden containers on the trail. The coyote is quiet and moves with careful curiosity. We supply the GPS and you bring the thrill of the search!



Dates: **Tues. March 8 (early release)**  
Time: **1:20pm-5:00pm**  
Locations: Talcott Mtn. State Park, Simsbury, CT  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$20 ea. day or \$35 for both**

# SCORE Course Descriptions

## Special Dance Events

**Who:** Newington Students in Grades 7th & 8th

**What:** Youth Dances

**When:** Oct. 23, 2015; Jan. 29, 2016 & Mar. 18, 2016 from 7:00-10:00 PM

**Where:** Mortensen Community Center

**Fee:** \$5 per person & Non-perishable Food Donation

(Food donation will support the Newington Food Pantry)

Parks & Recreation in conjunction with Human Services presents our Dance events for Newington students in grades 7 & 8. Includes DJ, Music, Dancing, Refreshments & Prizes. **Students must show their school ID** at the door. **Notes will not be accepted.** No backpacks & no re-entry once admitted. Those dressed in offensive or provocative clothing will not be admitted.

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**



## Nature Explorers

Explore the natural world around us! Learn about tracking and signs of nature as it awakens from a long winter rest. We'll visit the Northwest Park Nature Center in Windsor and afterward we'll walk on their nature trails. We'll spend another session at the Raptor Recovery Center, Horizon Wings in Ashford, CT. Get up close and personal with hawks, owls & eagles!

**Dates & Times:** **Wed. March 23 from 1:00PM - 5:00PM (1/2 school day for conferences)**  
**Horizon Wings Raptor Center**

**Wed. March 30 from 2:50PM - 6PM**  
**Northwest Park Nature Center & Trails**

**Locations:** Ashford & Windsor, CT

**Instructor:** Rik Huggard & staff

**Fee:** **\$25ea. or \$40 for both**



## Adventure Club

Here are four days of adventure activities that include Challenge Course, kayaking, ZIP Line, and hiking. We take these activities to a new and more exciting level of fun and adventure. You do not need any experience! Just the desire for adventure! This is open to all students in grades 5 through 8.

**Dates:** **Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 19, 26**

**Times:** **March 29 is from 2:50pm—5:30pm**

**April 5 and 26 are half-days at school so the times will be from 1:20-5:00pm**

**April 19 is from 2:50pm-6pm**

**Locations:** **March 29: Newington Challenge Course & Team Building 2:50pm-5:30pm**

**April 5: Hiking/ Coyote Walk 1:20pm-5:00pm (JB Williams Park, Glastonbury, CT)**

**April 19: Newington Challenge Course (includes the zip line!) 2:50pm-6:00**

**April 26: Kayaking at Rainbow Reservoir in Windsor, CT 1:20pm-5:30pm**

**Instructors:** Rik Huggard, Maria Gonzalez-Soto, Gary Lundin, Zak Banks

**Fees:** **\$25 per day**

**\*\*Register for all 4 days and pay only \$90!**



# April Vacation Fun & Adventure!

## Bowling, Lunch & Movie

This has become a vacation tradition in Newington! Students will go bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. A buffet lunch at Imperial Buffet and then we'll catch a movie afterward!



Date: **Monday, April 11th**  
Time: **10:00AM - 4:00 PM**  
Location: Bowl-O-Rama, Imperial Buffet  
And theater TBD

Instructors: Rik Huggard &  
Maria Gonzalez-Soto  
Fee: **\$40**

## Burr Pond Kayaking



Each April school break we venture out onto Burr Pond to paddle our kayaks on this beautiful lake in northwestern

CT. We provide basic paddling skills instruction before we get on the water. **This day is for any level of experience from beginners on up!**

Date: **Tuesday, April 12th**  
Time: **9:30AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: **Burr Pond State Park, Torrington, CT**  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$35**

## Mini-Golf & Go Karts



Join us for go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages, Phazerball, the game room and more! We'll stop for ice cream on the way home. This day is full of nothing but tons of fun!

Date: **Wednesday, April 13th**  
Time: **10:00AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: R&B Sports, Winsted, CT  
Instructors: Maria Soto Gonzalez & Staff  
Fee: **\$35**

## Canoeing at Bigelow Hollow

Spring is a great time to canoe on Lake Mashapaug in Bigelow Hollow State Park. We welcome all who want a great adventure. We provide instruction, paddles, and life vests. You just bring the spirit of exploration.

Date: **Thursday, April 14th**  
Time: **9:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: Bigelow Hollow State Park, Union, CT  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$35**



**Register for all 4days for only \$130**





# New Program for 2016 Junior Anglers



The Junior Anglers Fishing Program encompasses a variety of activities that support youth in the learning of how and where to fish in Connecticut. All programs have certified staff leading trips to local fishing hotspots, recreation areas and state parks.



Program activities are designed to introduce youth to fishing in a safe, ethical and enjoyable manner. CARE (Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education) certified instructors will teach basics such as:

- Where to fish
- What bait to use
- Casting & fishing techniques
- Equipment & knot tying
- Fish identification and biology
- Fishing ethics and Regulations
- Safety around water

Fishing has become an increasingly popular outdoor activity among youth today. The Newington Junior Anglers Fishing Program provides the opportunity for youth to learn or continue to learn fishing as a fun, lifetime activity they may enjoy throughout their life and pass along to future generations.

**DATES:** April 16, 23 & 30

**TIME:** 9:30am-3:00pm

**Locations:** 4/16 Fisher Meadows Park, Avon; 4/23 Bigelow Hollow, Union; 4/30 Lake Winchester, Winchester, CT

**STAFF:** Neal Spencer, Gary Lundin & staff

**Fee:** \$35 ea. Day or register for all 3 days for just \$95

***\*\*We have a limited number of rods and reels available so please check the box on the registration form if you would like to use one of ours.***



# WINTER/SPRING SCORE 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Due date is: Thurs. January 28, 2016**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH FULL PAYMENT TO:

**NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES  
131 CEDAR ST. NEWINGTON, CT. 06111**



**SCORE-Information 665-8594  
Email: rhuggard@newingtonct.gov**



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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

<u>PROGRAM SELECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>PROGRAM SEL.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	6. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	7. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	8. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	9. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	10. _____	_____	_____

☐ Please check here if registering for the Junior Anglers program and would like to use one of our rods & reels

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Indicate on registration forms your request for assistance, and someone from this department will contact you.

**CASH or CHECK PAYMENT ONLY**

**Please circle the highest movie rating that you approve for your child to attend: PG PG13**  
(Only if registered for Bowling, Lunch & Movie days or as an alternative for April vacation kayaking & canoeing days)

**THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ONCE CONFIRMATION LETTERS ARE SENT OUT**

**\*\*Note: There is a \$25 returned check fee\*\***

**Please complete form on following page**

# SCORE PERMISSION FORM (Must be completed)

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL/PAGER \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(to receive updated/ongoing & future program information)  
EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(other than parent/guardian)

**\*\*Assumption of Liability: Participation in these activities may involve risk or injury. As a parent, guardian, or participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Newington, its employees, contracted instructors, and volunteers from the liabilities which may occur while participating in the activity. I understand that participation in any Human Services event or activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Newington does not provide accident/medical insurance for the program participants. In addition, I give permission for the participant to be treated by qualified medical personnel in the event that the above named parent/guardian/emergency contact cannot be reached at the phone numbers provided.\*\***

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to walk or bike home at the end of a SCORE program. *Please Circle* Yes No

I give permission for my child to be videotaped and/or photographed for the purposes of future brochures, our website or community education. *Please Circle* Yes No

Please use the space below to apprise us of any special health concerns, accessibility issues, behavioral needs, or to request accommodation (include allergies, medications, etc):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted for additional information, if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER

\_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOSPITAL PREFERENCE

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**\*\*This contract must be signed by BOTH participant and parent, and returned along with your registration form in order to participate in the program.\*\***

## **\*\*PARTICIPANT CONTRACT\*\***

This contract is an agreement between parents/guardians, students and staff to help ensure that this program operates in a fun, safe and cooperative manner. It is our hope that by reviewing our expectations for conduct, that ALL students and their parents will assist us with this effort.

- I agree to stay seated & keep my limbs in the van at all times.
- I agree to speak respectfully to EVERYONE, using appropriate language and voice level.
- I agree not to swear, name call or throw things.
- I agree to be with a "buddy" and/or with an adult chaperone at all times.
- I agree to report on time to the designated meeting location for each program.
- I agree to keep my hands to myself, respect others and their property.
- I agree to follow directions and listen attentively when adults are speaking to me.
- I agree to keep the vans clean.
- I agree not to use cell phones during programs.

Unacceptable behavior will result in a verbal warning, followed by a written warning, and if considered a serious safety violation or an unresolved ongoing issue, expulsion from the program without a refund.

*Thank you for your support in helping to make this program a success.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_